

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

12 BRIAN ALLEN,)
13 Petitioner,) Case No. CV 14-267-DDP(AJW)
14 v.)
15 E. VALENZUELA, Warden,) MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
16 Respondent.) DISMISSING PETITION

18 In 1995, petitioner was convicted of first degree residential
19 burglary in Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BA104022. In
20 addition, the allegations that petitioner suffered two prior felony
21 convictions were found true. [Petition at 2]. He was sentenced to
22 state prison for a term of 35 years to life. [Petition at 2].

23 In 1999, petitioner filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus
24 in this Court challenging his 1995 conviction. Case No. CV 99-5540-
25 DDP(AJW). The petition was denied on the merits on August 17, 2001.
26 The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied petitioner's application for
27 a certificate of appealability.

1 The present petition was filed on January 13, 2014. Like the
2 petition previously filed by petitioner, this petition challenges the
3 validity of petitioner's 1995 conviction and sentence in the Los
4 Angeles County Superior Court. [Petition at 2].

5 A federal court must dismiss a second or successive petition that
6 raises the same grounds as a prior petition. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(1).
7 A federal court must also dismiss a second or successive petition
8 raising a new ground unless the petitioner can show that (1) the claim
9 rests on a new, retroactive, constitutional right or (2) the factual
10 basis of the claim was not previously discoverable through due
11 diligence, and those new facts establish by clear and convincing
12 evidence that but for the constitutional error, no reasonable
13 factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying
14 offense. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(2)(A)-(B). It is not the district court,
15 however, that decides whether a second or successive petition may
16 proceed. Rather, "[b]efore a second or successive application
17 permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant
18 shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing
19 the district court to consider the application." 28 U.S.C. §
20 2244(b)(3)(A). Absent authorization from the Court of Appeals, this
21 Court lacks jurisdiction over this second or successive petition.
22 Burton v. Stewart, 549 U.S. 147, 152-153, 157 (2007); Cooper v.
23 Calderon, 274 F.3d 1270, 1274 (9th Cir. 2001), cert. denied, 538 U.S.
24 984 (2003).

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1 Because petitioner has not obtained leave from the Court of
2 Appeals to file a successive petition, the petition for a writ of
3 habeas corpus is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

4 **It is so ordered.**

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6 Dated: March 27, 2014



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8 Dean D. Pregerson
9 United States District Judge
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